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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

**Garrett J. Bradley**

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act to Clarify the Terms of Motor Vehicle Liability Bonds and Policies.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine  
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## AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE TERMS OF MOTOR VEHICLE LIABILITY BONDS AND POLICIES.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Section 34A of chapter 90 of the General Laws as appearing in the 2006 Official Editions is hereby  
2 amended by inserting in line 173, at the end of the definition of “motor vehicle liability bond,” the  
3 following sentence:-

4 In any claim for damages against the obligor under said bond shall provide a defense and such duty to  
5 defend may not be terminated without a release by the claimant.

6 SECTION 2. Said section 34A of said chapter 90, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by  
7 inserting, in line 220, at the end of the definition of “motor vehicle liability policy” the following  
8 sentence:-

9 In any claim for damages against the insured or against any person responsible for the operation of the  
10 insured’s motor vehicle, the insurer under said policy shall provide a defense, and such duty to defend and  
11 may not be terminated without release by the claimant.